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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment corrects an error in claim 8 by replacing the duplicate of the first formula set forth with the correct structural formula, as shown in Scheme 1a on page 37. See also page 18, lines 4-5. A version with markings to show changes made is attached as an Appendix. Claims 1-13 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

It is not believed that any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Prompt and favorable examination of the application are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 8 has been rewritten as follows:

8. (Once Amended) The labeling reactant according to claim 1 characterized in that G is a bivalent aromatic structure and preferably selected from a group consisting of carbostyryl,

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